have initially circulated a discussion document for revising the curricular framework and later on after due deliberations and discussions all over the country, through a number of seminars, workshops, etc. they have finalised a document called "National Curriculum Framework for School Education". It has been adopted in the Executive Committee of the NCERT wherein all the State/UT Governments are members. The recommendations of the NCERT are advisory in character and each State/UT Government is expected to adapt/adopt as per its own assessment. There has been a lot of public debate on this document, and the document has been widely appreciated and some criticism was also received. Government have circulated this document to all the State/UT Governments for such action as they deem fit. No books in pursuance of the same have been published so far.

Literacy campaign in Madhya Pradesh

†4664. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Literacy for All programmes is a time based and NGO based campaign and whether it is necessary to operate all the activities in time bound manner for the success of the campaign;

(b) whether the scheme is being implemented in all the districts of Madhya Pradesh;

(c) if so, whether the Centre has released the amount of second instalment to the Madhya Pradesh for 51 projects of the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) The National Literacy Mission funds programmes for Total Literacy Campaign, Post Literacy Programmes and Continuing Education Programmes. This is done with the active support of various sections of society including

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Non-Governmental Organisation (NGOs). These programmes are run in a time bound manner.

(b) According to the information received from Madhya Pradesh Government, the literacy programmes are being implemented in all the districts of Madhya Pradesh.

(c) and (d) 42 districts in Madhya Pradesh have been released funds for literacy programmes. Final instalments are released subject to settlement of accounts and submission of utilisation certificates. In 9 districts accounts have been settled and final instalment released.

University status to Colleges

4665. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to accord university status to some colleges in the country is under the consideration of Government;

(b) if so, the details of steps taken so far;

(c) whether the historic Revenshaw College, Cuttack is one such college which is proposed to be given university status; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) The UGC is considering proposals received from some institutions for accord of Deemed to be University status with reference to the minimum eligibility criteria, in terms of objectives, programmes, faculty, infrastructural faculties, financial viability, etc. as laid down in the UGC guidelines.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The proposal in this regard has been considered by an Expert Committee of the UGC which has pointed out certain deficiencies. The College has been advised to take steps to rectify the deficiencies and send the final compliance report.